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BRUSSELS AND FRANKFURT FOR FAA.

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: A. STATE 212490 B. USBERLIN 1855

1. THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE EMBASSY AND OF ALL  
CONSULATES IN GERMANY HAVING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS  
IN THEIR DISTRICTS IS THAT GERMAN AIRPORT SECURITY IS  
EXCELLENT AND IS CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY THE FEDERAL  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

2. AT ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN GERMANY, THERE IS  
THOROUGH MANUAL AND ELECTRONIC SCREENING OF ALL ARRIVING  
AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE ON INTERNATIONAL  
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. THERE IS ALSO SIMILAR SCREENING  
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OF DEPARTING PASSENGERS AND THEIR BAGGAGE ON DOMESTIC

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. FURTHERMORE, AT LEAST AT SEVERAL GERMAN AIRPORTS, THERE IS THOROUGH SCREENING OF PASSENGERS AND CREW AND THEIR LUGGAGE ON ALL DEPARTING GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHTS AND MOST ARRIVING GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHTS.

3. AT ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN GERMANY, THERE IS TOTAL SEPARATION OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING COMMERCIAL PASSENGERS. AT ALL BUT THE SMALLEST AIRPORTS, THERE ARE FULLY SEPARATED TRANSIT LOUNGES. WHERE THERE ARE NONE, ALL PASSENGERS MUST BE RE-SCREENED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ONWARD FLIGHTS. THUS, UNSCREENED PERSONS CANNOT MINGLE WITH SCREENED PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT LOUNGES.

4. SECURITY ON RUNWAYS AND ALONG AIRPORT PERIMETERS ALSO APPEARS TO BE VERY THOROUGH, INCLUDING NUMEROUS UNIFORMED POLICE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL ARMORED VEHICLES. AT SEVERAL AIRPORTS, ALL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ISRAEL ARE HANDLED AT A SEPARATE LOCATION FROM THE REGULAR TERMINAL AND ALL SUCH PASSENGER BAGGAGE IS SEARCHED BY HAND.

5. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING ASSESSMENT (AS REQUESTED IN PARA 3 OF REF A) EMBOFF DID NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE CALLED FOR IN PARA 4 OF REF A. INSTEAD, HE INFORMED APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS OF CONTENT OF DEMARCHES BEING MADE IN OTHER CAPITALS.

6. GERMAN OFFICIALS REPLIED, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THAT THEY ARE MAKING SIMILAR DEMARCHES IN MANY POSTS AROUND THE WORLD AND ARE SENDING AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL TO VARIOUS AIRPORTS TO OBSERVE SECURITY PRACTICES. THEY OCCASIONALLY FOLLOW UP WITH SUGGESTIONS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS US OFFICIALS COULD MAKE RE GERMAN PRACTICES.

7. EMB CAA, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH FAA PERSONNEL STATIONED IN GERMANY, INTENDS TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE GERMAN OFFICIALS AND TO EXCHANGE CONFIDENTIAL

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